#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF

# OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of the License of	) No. 1271 ) DECREE OF CENSURE
HARVEY WILLIAMS, D.O.	
Holder of License No. 1258 for the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine in the State of Arizona	) ) )

The above-captioned matter came before the Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery of the State of Arizona ("Board") for informal interviews pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855 on July 12, 1991. Following the Board's review of evidence obtained by it and having considered all the evidence and information for purposes of issuing this Decree of Censure, and being fully advised, enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decree of Censure.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On or about April 24, 1991, Harvey Williams, D.O.
   ("Williams"), placed an advertisement in the <u>New Times</u>
   newspapers regarding breast augmentation.
- 2. The advertisement by Williams guaranteed "soft, natural breasts or your money back".
- 3. Williams stated in this advertisement that he was "so confident of his results that he is offering the first 100% money back guarantee that your breasts will remain soft and natural".

- 4. Williams presented to the Board a copy of his Money Back Guarantee ("Guarantee") form given to prospective patients regarding this advertisement.
- 5. The Guarantee stated that the money refund was limited to "100% of the original fee minus the cost of your implants, anesthesia charges, medications, supplies, finance charges and surgical facility which total \$900."
- 6. The Board initiated a complaint regarding the advertisement April 24, 1991.
- 7. Williams discontinued the advertisement after one week.
- 8. The 100% Money Back Guarantee in the advertisement is false, deceptive or misleading in that a patient can never receive 100% of their money back if the breasts do not remain "soft and natural".
- 9. The additional sentence in the advertisement, "This offer is for a limited time only and subject to certain restriction", did not specify or relate to the 100% money back guarantee.
- 10. The operative focus is that the 100% guarantee in the advertisement was not ever meant to be a 100% money back as stated in the advertisement of April 24, 1991.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

11. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery of the State of Arizona has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and of the licentiate pursuant to A.R.S.

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§ 32-1800 et seq. 12.

The Board has the legal authority pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855(E)(3), to issue this Decree of Censure.

13. The conduct described in paragraphs 1-5 and 8-10 establishes that Harvey Williams, D.O. has engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(16) to wit: Advertising in a false, deceptive, or misleading manner or representing or holding one's self out to be an Osteopathic Medical Specialist when such is not the fact.

### ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings and Conclusions, the Board hereby censure Harvey Williams, D.O., for unprofessional conduct which was harmful to the public health and safety.

Done this 6th day of January

Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery of the State of Arizona

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